

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Community Engagement Intern | Tucson, AZ Pay Rate: \$18.00/Hour | Hours: 10-12 hours per week (M-F)

About Growth Partners Arizona (GPAz)

Growth Partners Arizona is a vibrant Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) committed to enhancing economic development. We achieve this by offering financial assistance and valuable resources to local nonprofits and small businesses. Our mission is to empower entrepreneurs and communities, ensuring they have the tools and support necessary to flourish. As part of our dedicated team, you'll contribute to the fulfillment of these objectives, making a tangible difference in the communities we serve.

Make a Difference in Tucson: Build Community, Empower Entrepreneurs, Champion Equity

Are you passionate about entrepreneurship, equity, and creating vibrant communities? Do you dream of making a tangible impact while gaining hands-on experience in community engagement? Growth Partners Arizona (GPAz) is seeking a **high-energy, motivated intern** to join our team and help us build a more inclusive, thriving Tucson.

As a **Community Engagement Intern**, you'll work alongside our Community Engagement Manager to support local entrepreneurs, expand access to financial resources, and inspire meaningful change. Whether you're helping a small business owner take their first big step or amplifying the voices of underrepresented communities, your work will drive **real progress toward equity and opportunity**.

What You'll Do

Your internship will combine meaningful responsibilities with incredible learning opportunities.

1. Champion Local Entrepreneurship:

- Collaborate with our Kiva Tucson Hub to assist entrepreneurs in securing funding through innovative micro-lending initiatives.
- Build relationships with small business owners and community leaders to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met.
- Provide one-on-one support to borrowers as they navigate the application and fundraising processes.

2. Foster Inclusive Communities:

- Assist in creating and promoting workshops and events that bring people together, spark new ideas, and strengthen our local economy.
- Support outreach initiatives that connect underserved communities with the tools and resources they need to thrive.
- Help design materials that make entrepreneurship accessible, understandable, and exciting for everyone.

3. Drive Meaningful Engagement:

- Represent GPAz at community events and networking opportunities to build relationships and expand our impact.
- Collaborate with passionate colleagues and community stakeholders on initiatives that promote equity and inclusion.
- Gather and share stories of impact, showcasing the entrepreneurs and changemakers we support.



Why This Role Matters

At GPAz, we believe in a world where **everyone has the opportunity to succeed**, no matter their background or circumstances. Your work as a Community Engagement Intern will help us bridge gaps in access and resources, ensuring a brighter future for entrepreneurs in Tucson and beyond.

What We're Looking For

We're seeking a **high-potential**, **high-energy individual** who is ready to jump in and make a difference. You'll thrive in this role if you:

- Are currently enrolled at the **University of Arizona**, pursuing a degree in business, entrepreneurship marketing, social sciences, nonprofit management, or a related field.
- Have a passion for entrepreneurship, social equity, and community building.
- Bring creativity, enthusiasm, and initiative to every project.
- Excel in communication, both written and verbal, and enjoy building relationships.
- Are highly organized and able to juggle multiple tasks without missing the details.

What You'll Gain

- Real-world experience in entrepreneurship, equity, and community engagement.
- Skills in event planning, outreach, and project management.
- The opportunity to build your network, working alongside passionate professionals and community leaders.
- The satisfaction of knowing your work is making a real impact on Tucson's communities.

Join Us

If you're ready to inspire, empower, and create change, we want to hear from you! Bring your ideas, energy, and passion, and let's build a better future together.

Send your resume and cover letter to Alexa Rodriguez at <u>alexa@growthpartnersaz.org</u> by (DATE) for consideration.